Subject: Latin American war medals + decorations
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Sydney P. Noe, Esquire,
Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

I have, for several years past, been an assiduous student of that phase of Numismatics which deals with Orders, decorations of honour, and Military and Naval Medals. I have searched high and low and gradually have accumulated quite a collection of literature on this subject. However, I have been unable to find any important works covering orders, decorations of honour and military and naval medals of the states that comprise Latin America. I have accumulated a lot of miscellaneous information in this connection, but, as mentioned, have failed to find a work wherein this side of the subject may be dealt with with a certain degree of thoroughness and authority. Do you know of any such works?

My inability to obtain any such literature makes me think that possibly further effort on my part in procuring additional information on the subject, through valuable connections which I possess in Latin America, might result in the accumulation of sufficient material to prepare later on a monograph containing authentic, confirmed information on the subject. Do you think that there would be sufficient* in a work of this kind? I am not afraid of the task; neither am I particularly concerned with the financial success of such a venture. However, I would not want to consider the matter unless it would afford a worthwhile contribution to Numismatic literature. Will you please favour me with your frank advice on this?

*interest

I assure you that your views and suggestions in this connection will merit my deepest appreciation, and trusting that I am not trespassing on your kindness, I beg to tender you my cordial thanks, and remain,

Very truly yours,

J. B. Rios

Mr. J. B. Rios,
519 Fifth Street,
Brooklyn.

Nov. 4, 1929

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519 Fifth Street
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Dear Sir:

Please pardon the delay in answering your communication of September 17th, but you letter was only recently brought to my attention.

There is no book that deals at all adequately with the decorations and award medals of Latin America. One of our members is studying this subject prior to writing it up. If you care to, you might communicate with him. His name and address is as follows:

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham
432 West Price Street
Germantown, Philadelphia
Penna.

As far as writing up the subject is concerned, it would be wholly a labour of love and I very much doubt if the work would be much appreciated except by a very few people.

Very truly yours,

Curator.